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1. ☑ The amendment filed on 12/15/2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:						
a) 🗌	a)  entered.					
b) 🗌	entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.					
c) 🗆	c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.  Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.					
d) 🛛	disapproved. See explanation below.					
e) 🗌	e) 🔲 entered in part. See explanation below.					
The newlydependent claims 21-22 will not entered because the limitations in claims 21-22 are contradict/inconsistent with the indepandent claims 1 and 11. For instant, claim 10f a device structure recites "the punch-through stopper region is located in the vicinity of the well" while claim 210f the device structure recites "the punch-through stopper region is formed such that a bottom of the punch-through stopper region reaches the well.						
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